Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar (*Chief Engineer*): No. But the accounts of big works with several sub-heads running over long periods and involving a good deal of adjustments to be effected take time to have their accounts closed.

Statement, by caste, of persons carrying a pay of over Rs. 25 in the Registration Department.

14. ❊ **Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of persons carrying a pay of over Rs. 25 employed in the Registration Department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of the statistics will be out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Mr. James Fletcher: May I know whether a statement of the staff is kept in every department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No, Sir.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail (*Nominated*): May I know, Sir, whether it is not a convenient way of avoiding inconvenient questions?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Certainly not.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know from the member what time it will approximately take to collect the statistics?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Being the end of the year, it is not possible to supply the information now.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know, Sir, whether the interpellation was sent sufficiently early for the collection of statistics?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether there is at least a list of appointments made in every office?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: In every office there is a list of appointments made in that office.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the present answer has been given because there was no time at the end of the year for the collection of the statistics or because of the inherent difficulty involved in the matter of getting this information?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: There is no inherent difficulty in getting the information. But at the end of the year when every office is busy, it is not possible to get the information within a reasonable time.

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Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai : The answer that Government consider that the time and the labour involved in the collection of the statistics is out of all proportion to its possible utility has no reference to the time or want of time for furnishing the required information. The answer is clear that the time spent in collecting the information is not commensurate with the utility.

President : Government's definite idea is that after a settlement has been arrived at with regard to communal recruitment, all these questions relating to the collection of statistics which are absolutely of no use and can be absolutely of no use to any body are futile ; because for the future certain rules have been laid down and those rules will be followed and as for the past it has been admitted that there have been certain irregularities and the constant exhumation of absolutely defunct corpses will be of no good to anybody. That is the reason why this kind of *post mortem* should not be allowed. (*Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : Hear, Hear.*)

Construction of a bridge at the Kuzhikandam kadavu in the Kuzhikandam-Neduvakad road.

15. * **Mr. E. K. Kuripe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the stage at which the action regarding the construction of a bridge at the Kuzhikandam kadavu in the Kuzhikandam-Neduvakad road in the Varapetty pakuthi stands and whether this work has to be carried out immediately ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : The question of constructing a bridge at the place was investigated and it was found to cost Rs. 35,000. Government have come to the conclusion that a bridge entailing such a heavy cost is not an immediate necessity. A junghar service has been established to meet the present requirements.

Kunnatnad Treasury.

16. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the persons who go to the Kunnatnad treasury at Perumbavur find it very difficult to wait there for want of space either in the treasury buildings or near-by ;

(2) Will they be pleased to state :

(*a*) the average number of persons that go to the said treasury on closing dates for deposit and withdrawal of amount and for cashing cheques ;

(*b*) the average number of such persons going to the said treasury on other days ; and

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